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March 16, 2015

**TO:** Each Supervisor

**FROM:**   
Sheryl L. Spiller, Director

**SUBJECT: MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ON IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE EXPRESS LANE ENROLLMENT PROJECT (ITEM NO. 2,  
JUNE 4, 2014)**

This is to provide you with our monthly status report on the Department of Public Social Services' (DPSS) progress in implementing the Express Lane Project to provide Medi-Cal coverage to CalFresh participants. Below is a summary of our outreach efforts and data on the number of enrollments.

On June 4, 2014, on a motion by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, the Board instructed the Director of DPSS to fully implement the Express Lane streamlined eligibility process described in the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) All County Welfare Directors Letter and the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services Guidance. DPSS was instructed to report back to the Board in writing within 60 days and monthly thereafter.

**OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

As of February 28, 2015, according to DHCS, 34,731 CalFresh participants were enrolled in Express Lane Medi-Cal (ELMC) in Los Angeles County. Please note that the number of CalFresh participants enrolled in ELMC changes each month; individuals exit when they are approved for Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medi-Cal, when their CalFresh case is closed, or when they are no longer eligible to ELMC. Therefore, some CalFresh participants identified in our previous report may no longer be enrolled in ELMC, but may continue to have Medi-Cal coverage.

DPSS continues to offer eligible participants the opportunity to opt-in during every point of contact, particularly during their CalFresh recertification interviews. During February 2015, we outreached to 7,835 CalFresh participants who do not already have Medi-Cal to encourage enrollment into ELMC. Of the participants contacted, 1,344 opted to enroll in ELMC and 6,491 declined enrollment. Of those who declined,

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the main stated reasons included: other healthcare coverage, only want CalFresh benefits, will apply for ELMC later, and not interested. Additionally, to supplement two prior mailings sent by the State, in May 2015 we are planning to send a special mailer to all CalFresh participants who are eligible to ELMC, and offer them the opportunity to enroll in ELMC.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (562) 908-8383, or your staff may contact Jose R. Perez, Assistant Director, at (562) 908-8633, or via email at [joseperez@dpss.lacounty.gov](mailto:joseperez@dpss.lacounty.gov).

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